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N E W S L E T T E R

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HELLO FOLKS:

I think it is time that you learn something of the staff courageously guilty of trying to interest you in what's going on in the old home town.

Do I need to dwell upon those of the Howard High?? Oh well, let's take Sup't. Taylor a hard worker who wants, and "gets" things right. Then there's Principal Lindell, quite some size, quiet and serene--the sort you can't anger. Oh heck! why don't I admit it at once! They are both bigger than I so I'll duck saying more!!

Let's get on to William Noyes (Just Plain Bill). He's sizeable too--but he'll forgive me on the grounds that I don't know any better. And then it was discovered by the discerning Bob Dean that Bill was a potential agricultural expert. (Man shortage is responsible for many funny "thinks!!") Bill is now raising and polishing carrots.

James A.--Well, by gosh! do I need to spell his name out? You surely know the only James A. and take it from me, he is as interested in your paper as a hen with a brood of ducklings near a pond!!

Harvey Scranton doesn't say much. He just goes and does it--swell!

How about Freddie Chisholm? You all know him, don't you? Since Bill left the oil business Freddie has stepped in. No sir! There's no shortage of oil around here. Freddy gives it gladly--with a smile!

Mrs. Charles Johnson was another exuberant contributor but she had to forsake us when she moved to Bridgewater.

Which brings me to the point of Mrs. Bob Dean. Work is second nature to this lady which she more than proves each month in her inexhaustible efforts with your newsletter.

Your scribe is a fellow-conspiritor--nuf said??

A million thanks for what you are doing for us at home; we are really contributing so little.

"W H A T ' S T H E S C O R E"

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BASKETBALL

The boys have been having a good season, although their column of wins is not so complete as the girls'. In a thrill-packed game with the alumni played at Brockton Y, the graduates, backed by four of last year's stars--Swann, Winn, Chaves, and Tyrer--were simply too strong and too fast for the varsity. Using a fast break that went places, they outplayed and outshot the Howard team and held the upper hand throughout. Swann, Winn and Chaves each scored 12 points. For the H. H., Twomey 9, Holbrook 8, Beaulieu 5, and Minisky 4, were high scorers.

The undergraduates started fast with Minisky, Beaulieu and Twomey scoring in quick successions. However the Alumni soon found the range and led 12-8 at the quarter. The second period was fairly even leaving the score 22-16 at the half.

In the second half the undergrads threatened for a time but were never able to catch the Champs who seemed little the worse for their lack of practise. Final score 36-28.

Even in defeat the H.H. boys looked good, and succeeded in winning the following week from E. Bridgewater, 45-20.

January 3 on the home floor the boys won from Norwell by a score of 43-15. Lamentations from the spectators were loud during the first half which ended with Norwell leading, 13-10. The third period gave Howard 8 points and Norwell 2; score, 18-15 for Howard. Then, switching to a man to man pressing defense in the final period, Howard rampaged with 25 points to 0 for Norwell, ending the game 43-15. Norwell scored only 2 points in the second half. The two boys' teams visited East Bridgewater and came home with two wins, the 2nds winning in an overtime period 7-6, and the 1st team winning 47-18. Last year the 2nd team won four games and lost three. Two of those losses were to East Bridgewater, by 1 point each

The Howard High female hoopsters, under the able direction of their new coach, Miss Jean Dwyer are out to bring new glory to Howard's illustrious sports record. The powerful first string is made up of six of last year's team with Nancy Taylor, Gwen Turner, and Irma Hawes filling the substitutes berths. The scintillating sextet opened the season with a jaunt to Norwell on December 12 where they won their first game. At the end of the first half, the score was 22-15 in Howard's favor, but during the second half, the Norwell girls rallied and scored eleven points to Howard's seven. The final score was 29-26 with Howard the victor. Captained by Pin Williams, varsity veteran of four years, who also led the scoring, the team was off to a brilliant start. Hanover was the next game, and the girls showed much improvement over the first game. At the end of the first half, the girls were leading 21-0, with Capt. Williams again high scorer, but ably assisted by Emily Thomas and Shirley Gummow. The guards, in the personages of Dot MacDonald, Kelley MacTighe and Marion Johnson were kept on their toes both literally and figuratively in the second half of the game when the Hanover girls scored twelve points to Howard's eight. The final outcome was a second victory for Coach Dwyer's team, with the girls winning 29-12. December 22 saw the girls traveling to Hanover where a greatly improved Hanover team kept the score close but still failed to override the Howard team. At the half, the score was 16-6, and the final score 30-24, ending in a third straight win for the Howard sextet. On January 20, the girls played the Alumnae and came out on top, scoring 25 points to the 11 of the Alumnae. On the afternoon of January 5, the team travelled to Middleboro where the second team played its first game. Although losing 13-2, they showed much promise. The first team made up for the defeat however by winning 29-12. The team so far this year has scored 156 points to their opponents' 99. Of these, Pin Williams has made 68, Shirley Gummow, 54 and Emily Thomas 32. The girls have won six games in six starts and have seven more games on their schedule. As an added attraction this year, peppy Nancy Bradford Dynamic Marilyn Goeklo and sunny Bobby Anderson are attired in lamboyant red and startling white cheerleader costumes. The cheerleaders have plenty of vim, vigor and zip and have added many new cheers to their repertoire.

For the 6th War Loan, a H. H. bond drive was climaxed by a rally in the auditorium with outside speakers, one a Coast Guardsman who told of his experiences with the D-day invasion forces and of the need for every citizen to support the armed forces. As a result, $1620 worth of war bonds were sold.

At the annual Christmas party given by the faculty, Mr. Humphrey and Mr. Ward, "brought down the house" when they drove into view dressed in 't en age clothes, one on a bicycle and the other on roller skates and clinging to the bike. In the accompanying skit, Mr. Humphrey broke his glasses. You can see, boys, that you're going to come back to an unchanged world.

Two of our prettier belles have been absent from school and it's all Bob Swann's fault. "Swannie" developed scarlet fever after a week-end at home and the girls had to take precautionary measures!

Cries of "Help! Police," amorous murmurs, and much laughter issue these days from Mr. Humphrey's English classes. But it isn't that school what it used to be--it's just dramatizing plays.

The H. H. Honor Roll for servicemen is kept up to date by a student committee.

Snow and zero temperatures came with January. Brr! You can imagine what droughts swirl around the assembly hall, the corridors, and especially the gym. The girls wear weird combinations of clothing to try to keep warm. And we understand the teachers hope, as they depart from our hallowed halls, that there will be a student of two still around who will be willing to help get the faculty cars started if necessary!

Personals

The Boy Scouts of Troop I tested the "Law of Compression" as they rode into Boston Garden by automobile to see the Ice Capades.

Bun Pomeroy and Swede Erickson now of Brockton had a narrow escape the night of Jan. 6, when the steering wheel of the truck Pomeroy was driving, snapped and the truck went over the bridge on East Street landing on the railroad tracks below. Both of them jumped from the truck in time and were not hurt, except for bruises. The truck, which was loaded with ham, butter, and meats, was thoroughly cracked and the aroma of burned ham filled the air.

"D I D Y O U K N O W"
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Henry Hanson of the Army Medical Corps, and Thomas O'Shaughnessy of the Engineers met recently in England. They both hope to secure Forty-eight hour passes to talk things over together and knowing them, we can imagine there'll be plenty to talk over.

P.F.C. Robert Monroe of the ground crew of a bomber squadron is on active duty on Saipan and appreciates his registered mail after walking seven miles for it.

P.F.C. Donald Burroughs, after three months hospitalization for arthritis, has been transferred back to Texas, where he used to be stationed at a Prisoner of War Camp.

Pvt. Leon J. Edmonston is among the G.I.'s following General Patton's journeys about Europe. Congratulations, Dad, on your eight-pound boy at home.

P.F.C. Richard Bourne came home from California for a furlough before leaving for active duty "over there".

Harold Marlin of the U. S. Navy has seen plenty of water slip by his ship in the course of commuting between home and the war fronts.

Sgt. Bruce Edson of North Elm Street visited his parents. He is now stationed at Aberdeen, Maryland.

Irving R. Lewis finally succeeded in meeting his brother-in-law, P.F.C. Gordon Alden, about 1½ miles from the front lines in France. They had been attempting to get together for some time as they are both in the 3rd Army under Patton.

S/Sgt. Sumner Ohlson, Army Air Corps, has been in the Pacific for four months now. He has been giving code instruction to all ranks from private to Lieutenant-colonel.

P.F.C. Carl Ohlson, U.S.M.C., is stationed in Camp Pendleton, California, and expects to be shipped overseas anytime.

Seamen 2-c Robert Lindgren arrived home over the Christmas holidays, much to the surprise of his parents. He has begun training to be a gunners mate at Bainbridge, Maryland.

Aviation Cadet Franklin Davlo is through Pre-Flight School and is waiting to be assigned for primary instruction. Thus far all his training has been at college centers from Holy Cross to Iowa State, next stop ?

Chief Petty Officer Maurice Twomey has been retired from the U.S. Navy.

Elwood Hall, stationed at Sioux Falls, North Dakota, spent his Christmas in the hospital where he under-went a minor operation. While there he received a letter from President Roosevelt, as did all the sick and wounded boys at Christmas.

Pvt. Wm. R. Brown has been discharged from the hospital and has joined his company in France.

"N O T E S A N D Q U O T E S"
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Cpl. Lloyd Allen writes from the Philippines that he can get a hair cut for 25 cents and shave for a nickle.

Pfc. Henry Anderson writes from the Pacific that he is keeping busy with the Marines. From all we hear that is putting it mild.

Charles E. Burroughs, W.T. 2/c writes that his training is nearly completed.

Pvt. Ray Correia is somewhere in Africa.

M/Sgt. M.D. Fallon writes from France that after all his travel he still prefers U.S.A.

Harold D. Fisher, S 1/c writes that he would like to hear from some "H. .S. '44" fellows.

Sgt. Bob Fischer has just been home on a 15 day furlough after 2½ years in the Southwest Pacific and he wrote that he has not seen one of the home town boys in uniform during this time. He is now stationed in Utah.

Cpl. Bernard Gaffney writes from France that his outfit is plenty good and in 2 years a guy can cover a lot of territory.

Pvt. George Goldie is now getting his first impressions of England and I'll bet good old New England weather won't even bother him when he gets back.

Pvt. John Gummow writes from France, but it's hard to keep track of these paratroopers.

Donald S. Farrar, F.C.1/c writes from San Diego that he would like to hear from some of "H.H.S. '26 & '27".

P.F.C. John Kujis writes from New Guinea and wants to be remembered to the gang.

Pvt. "Bill" Perry writes from Belgium and he certainly would like to hear from you, Bob Post. So far he has looked all over Paris for "Jeep" Miner. Hope he catches up with him.

Joe Pomeroy, Y 3/c is still somewhere in the Pacific. H.H.S. sends special greetings.

Bill Simino, S 2/c is training for P.T. Boat squadron.

John Smith, MM 3/c is the firstSea Bee we have heard from and we all know what a grand job they're doing.

Pvt. Howard Taylor is somewhere in England.

Lt. Joseph Burque writes from Florida that he has a new daughter.

G.I. Bill

Probably most of you boys are interested in the new G I Bill for continuing education after you are through with the army. There have been boys discharged who come under this particular bill.

We are glad to report that we have one veteran in Town who, being out on a medical discharge, has had real experience with Vocational Rehabilitation---------that's Clyfton Bourne of High Street, Cochesett. Clyfton was graduated from Howard High with the class of 1941 after having completed the scientific course. He was in the army twenty months, all of his service being in the states, and was discharged in August 1944. Now you boys may be thinking:"__all this stuff Uncle Sam is promising us sounds swell but I'll betcha we'll have to fight like mad and practically swear our lives away to get anything, etc, etc__" But Cliffie says "Taint so!" No sir! All he did was come home and the Veterans' Bureau did the rest. He never even asked for an application-in fact he didn't know just what the government was willing to do for him. But the Veterans Administration outfit was on the job and before he had been home hardly long enough to get used to his civies again, they sent him all the forms to fill out. They called it an application for"vocational rehabilitation" but all it boiled down to was: "What would you like to study and where do you want to study it?" He filled out the blanks and sent them in probably expecting them to get all snarled up in that famous governmental red tape. But such was not the case__nope__within three weeks he got a notice to go to Boston for an interview AND (don't miss this point) THEY EVEN INCLUDED HIS FARE BOTH WAYS TO MAKE SURE THAT HE WAS ABLE TO GET THERE!

Clyf says the fellows at the bureau were swell and he really felt as if they were trying their best to determine not only what he wanted to do, but the best way for him to do it. After talking things over he decided he would like to go to M.I.T. BUT he couldn't get in because he lacked Trig and Solid Geometry__then there subjects not being available at good old Howard High as you probably know. But did this lack spoil his chances for going to the school he had set his heart on? Not at all__they said: "Go to Prep School, Clyffie, and you should have a pretty good chance of passing them, don't you think so?" Clyffie sure agreed__but fast! Prep School! Imagine! And they gave him a choice of several different schools too. So__Clyf is now a student at Berkley Prep in Boston with tuition, books, and all school expenses paid and he'll take his entrance exams for M.I.T. in July.

As far as we can see, the G I BILL promises the same sort of thing as the Vocational Rehabilitation.

The G.I. BILL provides for your education on a sliding scale according to your length of service__so__o, if you find yourself being kept in the army when you're rarin' to get out and get home, remember that__the longer you stay in the more schooling you get. So do some thinking, gang, on how much of this higher education you wish to acquire. Remember too, that the men who will be helping you decide about it are getting more experience with every boy who gets here ahead of you and they will be that much more able to take care of you effeciently and in a hurry. Looks pretty good from this side of the fence____ what do you think?

Mrs. Everett Keeler has joined our group and we have all gained a real friend indeed wit h a flexible pen.

Well, by the time this reaches you 1945 will have gotten pretty well underway. Every day that passes is one day nearer the inevitable victory that will be ours; one day nearer the time you'll be coming back to us. What a day that will be! If wishes could be granted, the days between now and then would be telescoped into no time at all and V-Day would be here tomorrow. In the meantime we'll keep on missing you like the Dickens, and miss you we do__never doubt that for a moment. All our prayers are centered on the hope that peace will come soon and that this new year may see the kind of a life we Americans want, dawning not only for ourselves but also the rest of the world.

YOUR COMMITTEE.